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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the obligation under 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.99, Applicants hereby submit references A1 – A5 listed on the attached form PTO-1449 for consideration by the Examiner. Copies of the requisite references are enclosed herewith.

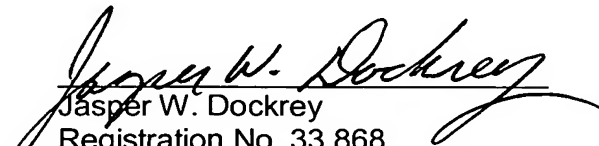
Also enclosed is a copy of the International Search Report mailed on May 13, 2003 for the above-identified application's corresponding PCT Application No. PCT/FR02/04383.

The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement does not constitute an admission that the information cited herein is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.56(b). Further, Applicants reserve the right to contest these references as prior art against the present application, and Applicants do not believe that the disclosure of these references, even if finally determined to be prior art, anticipates Applicants' invention or that these references make Applicants' invention obvious.

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of these documents and make them of record.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

| EXAMINER<br>INITIAL |    | DOCUMENT<br>NUMBER | DATE       | NAME         | CLASS/<br>SUBCLASS | FILING<br>DATE |
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|                     | A1 | US 2001/0021570 A1 | 09/13/2001 | Lin et al.   |                    |                |
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**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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